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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th-August, through Sunday, 27th-August there were 213 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KH9, KL, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL8, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Hans, PA3HGT, will be active as 3B8/PA3HGT from Mauritius (AF-049) between September 5-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/10 meters using SSB and possibly some Digital modes. Equipment will be an Icom IC7100 into an Endfed antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Possibly LoTW (experimental).

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION (Press Release #7, dated August 22nd). This Press Release is meant to be an update to our many financial supporters in the DX community and others who may be considering supporting our efforts to activate the # 2 DXCC most wanted--- BOUVET Island.

Our fund-raising began about this time last year, so we have been at it for 12 months. We are extremely grateful for the excitement, encouragement and actual contributions that have come our way. It has truly been amazing to see how the DX community has stepped up to help "make this happen".

We believe that we have negotiated a contract with our transportation partners that gives us a good idea of what our costs will ultimately be. This expense represents most of our overall costs. Regarding the remainder of our budget, cost control is a daily challenge and a priority for leadership and the team. We take it very seriously.

However, recently we made a couple of changes affecting the expense side of our equation. This accounts for a small 3% increase in our overall costs, but will make life on Bouvet safer and more comfortable. We have decided to add a second Operating shelter (OP B) and a third sleeping shelter (Sleep C). This will allow us to have more room to place our 14 one-KW stations (12 HF and 2 EME) and to separate the operating modes. This will make our 14-16 estimated days of 24/7 operating more comfortable and less challenging. The bottom line is we have a small percentage increase in costs, but the on-island benefits are well worth the extra expense.

In summary, looking at our income from the Operating Team itself, the DX Foundations, DX Clubs and individual DXers worldwide and our estimates of what our costs will turn out to be, we feel we are in a good and enviable position...but we are still short over $100,000.

With this in mind, we are continuing to ask for your financial support. You may visit our DXpedition website www.bouvetdx.org and click on a "donate" button.

Many thanks, CU in the pileups!

73, Bob-K4UEE
Ralph-K0IR
Erling-LA6VM

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION (More!!). It was a busy week for news and updates on the 3Y0Z Web site .

August 18th -- Ten more Flex stations arrived at K9CT's QTH, each packed in its own Pelican case and including a power supply, a 6500 or 6700 Flex radio, a Maestro, a RadioSport headset, and necessary wires and cables. We will have a total of 14 stations, all of which will be teamed with its computer and tested on our network. When complete, the stations will be shipped to Atlanta for packaging in our shipping container. Two stations will be set up at our Atlanta team meeting during Sept. 7 to Sept. 10.
http://www.bouvetdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Flex-Arriving.jpg

August 23rd -- None of us are immune from family medical and health issues. Unfortunately, Neil VA7DX, faces this issue and had to withdraw from our DXpedition team. We will miss his skills and wit. Keith VE7KW, will be taking Neil's place. Keith brings DXpedition, contesting, and foul weather experience to our group and is a retired electrical engineer. We welcome Keith to our team.
http://www.bouvetdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/VE7KW-photo-3.jpg

August 25th -- We are proud to show you our Bouvet Island DXpedition 160 meter vertical antenna. The antenna was designed by EY8MM and DX Engineering and fabricated by the DX Engineering staff. It is a 90 foot beauty consisting of 70 feet of aluminum tower section and a 20 foot stinger on top. It is top loaded, tuned with two base coils, and raised with a 40 foot falling derrick. The VSWR at 1.825 MHz is 1 : 1.0, rising to 1 :1.7 at 1880. We have the radials pre-cut, spooled up, and ready to install. When we couple this transmit antenna with our directional receive antennas, you should be able to hear us and we should be able to hear you. SEE YOU ON 160 FROM BOUVET!
http://www.bouvetdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/DXE-160-5.jpg

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Alessandro, IZ4AMS, will be active as FK/5B4ALX from a village near Noumea on Grand Terre Island (OC-032) between March 20th and April 4th, 2018. Activity will be on various HF bands and he plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 24-25th, 2018). QSL via his home callsign. For possibly more details and updates, see:
http://www.5b4alx.cloud/2017/08/21/fk-new-caledonia-2018

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

YOFF-231 -- By YP1WFF/p; August 28-31st; Op Cris/YO3LW and Vic/YO3GXO; from the Ciucas Park region YOFF-231; activity mostly on CW and the Digital modes

YLFF-0012 -- By YL/DG1HVL; August 29th- September 2nd

VKFF-0520 -- By VK5HSX/2; August 30th; between 0330-0900z; Warrumbungle National Park; on 7144 kHz SSB; camping for a couple of nights

OZFF-0012 -- By OU7M/P; September 3-4th; the EDR Club Mors-Nordthy are doing the EDR HF Field day; at Mors Island EU-171; everybody is welcome in the log - Please RS(T) + a seriel number; activity on 80/40/20/15/10m SSB + RTTY + PSK31 + CW; more info at

1st SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONAL PARKS -- September 2-3rd; More details and available URLs at:
https://m.facebook.com/groups/1656293684649049?view=permalink&id=1882521222026293&_ft_=qid.638974686

FFF-0178 -- By FO/DF1YP; between September 6th and October 1st; holiday style operation from Lagoon de Moorea; activity 20/17/15m using SSB and the Digital modes; All details on QRZ.com

KFF-2091 -- By WX2CIB/P; September 7-11th; 15th Annual K2P 2017 Gathering at Kring Point State Park, NY; Please join them on-air and/or at the park if you can. All operating will be SSB, bands and times to come later; please watch for WX2CIB/P on DXclusters

FFF-0048 -- By F/OO5G; September 10-12th; reactivation of FFF-048, from Parc Régional du Haut Languedoc; All bands, holiday style

VKFF-0741 -- By VK4PF/P; September 10th; between 0300-0700z; from Lower Goulburn National Park; 7144 kHz SSB, usual caveats, Other bands likely

OZFF-0001 -- By OZ0JD/P; September 10-14th; from EU-088; see webpage for more info: http://oz0jd.dk/ozff-expeditions/

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:
http://wwff.co/agenda
Also suggest URLs:
World-Wide -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44
USA -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair
A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: http://wwff.co/dx-cluster

HAM RADIO 2017 (Friedrichshafen) LECTURES. Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC, from the Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archives Radio Communications/QSL Collection, reports: DokuFunk presents the major papers and speeches from the HamRadio 2017 in Friedrichshafen in its "Lecture Room" and invites guests to a virtual visit of the Archives on the Documentary Archive's Web page at:
http://www.dokufunk.org/index.php

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-190. (New IOTA/Update) Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) continue planning for their next Arctic operation. Look for RI1F to be active from Victoriya Island (EU-190). They will will leave Murmansk sometime late September (27th), and they are expected to operate between October 1-7th. This island group has never been activated before. By the way, thes islands counts for DXCC purposes as Franz Josef Land. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, VHF and UHF. Operations will be on CW, SSB, the Digital modes, EME (dates are October 3-7th) and the satellites. They plan to operate from two different sites (one HF and EME; one VHF/UHF). The complete break down can be see on QRZ.com. Currently, 12 operators have been named: Igor/UA9KDF (Team leader), Yury/UA9OBA (RRC President), Andrey/UA9LDD (CW op), Valery/UA0ZC (CW/SSB op), Vladimir/R9LR (SSB/CW op), Sergey/UA9KB (CW op), Artemy/UA9KAM (Photo, video, SSB op), Andrey/RT9K (Mechanic, cook, SSB op), Victor/RW0BG (CW/SSB op), Mikhail/UA1QV (CW/SSB op), Valery/RA9J (CW/SSB op) and Vladimir (Son of UA9LDD; CW/SSB op). Pilot station is Igor, RA3CQ. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or by the Bureau. QSL Manager is Alexandr, RX9KM. Watch QRZ.com for updates. Their Web page is still under construction at: http://legendsarctic.com

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For September). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of September 2017:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Skegby in Nottinghamshire, by Merv, G0UJD (/A WAB Square SK56 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Eastbourne, in East Sussex, by Peter, G0NQZ (/A WAB Square TQ50 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or via .
NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Bill, K9HZ, will once again be active as J68HZ from his villa at Labrelotte Bay, Castries, St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA L-1336) between September 1-16th. Activity is usually on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He states, "Will try to fill some band-mode slots for WAS and DXCC. Particularly looking for AK and MT in the USA to complete 8BWAS." His equipment will consist of an Elecraft K3, a 3 element beam for 20-6 meters and wire antennas for 160-30 meters. QSL via his home callsign. He does use the LoTW, ClubLog and eQSL.

J8, ST. VINCENT. Brian, GW4DVB, will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St.

Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between January 21-27th. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters SSB only using a Yaesu FT991A into a 10m vertical antenna and a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole. QSL via GW4DVB, by the Bureau or direct to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:

http://www.g4dvb.co.uk

ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

KH1, BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION (Press Release #2). The Dateline DX Association is very pleased to announce significant progress in our planning to operate in 2018 from KH1, Baker Island National Wildlife Refuge, the 4th most wanted entity in the DXCC program.

We have executed a charter agreement with a ship, the Nai'a out of Fiji with an anticipated arrival at the refuge during the 3rd week of June, 2018.

We intend to be at the refuge a total of 12 days with 10 days of operations. This ship and dates were chosen in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service based on availability of their resource monitor, avoidance of the cyclone season, and Nai'a availability. Propagation forecasts look favorable for HF to Western Europe (a large target audience for us) during this time as well.

As with any DXpedition to the really rare ones, this will be another financially demanding operation. The 11 operator team will contribute over 50% of the expected budget of $400,000. You can help make this DXpedition happen by visiting our new website,
and contributing today.

We wish to thank the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their trust in our group to safely and responsibly activate this rare location.

Don Greenbaum/N1DG, Tom Harrell/N4XP and Kevin Rowett/K6TD (co-leaders)

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Jukka, OH2BR, will be active as OJ0/OH2BR from Market Reef for one week starting on Saturday, September 2nd. Activity will be on various HF bands and including 60m operations. QSL via his home callsign. Also, OH2BR has a new address: Jukka Heikinheimo, Kannuskatu 8 F 72, 20880 Turku, Finland. ADDED NOTES: Jukka mentions, "There will be a guest op representing "CQ DX Hall of Fame" taking the main load. He is a bit shy as he never announces his operations in advance... As we have other chores (for the Finnish Lighthouse Association to preserve the lighthouses) while on Market Reef, the operation will be of the 'during our free-time' type."

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 28th-September 3rd).....

Aug/28th	AN	Aug/31st	LN	Sep/02nd AN
Aug/29th	AN	Sep/01st	HN	Sep/03rd AN
Aug/30th	HN			

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....
QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF...

3Z560SC via SP7KMX	GB1AFV via GB1AFV (e)	R44QKO via RU3KO
6E3A via XE3WM	GB2LMG via GB2LMG (L)	RA70MD via RQ7L (O)
8S0C via SM0MPV	HI3T via HI3T (d/L)	S01WS via EA2JG
9A8DV via IK6VXO	IQ6KX via IW6ATQ (d)	SO1CC via DL1CC
9X0TA via N4GNR (d/L)	NL6/AA7CH via VE7ACN	SO1RE via DK8RE
E7/9A57AX via 9A5AX	OD5YA via EA5GL	SV5/OH2FUW via OH5AB
E718MEDITERAN via E73Y	OF5Z via OH5LIZ	T88WH via 7K1HLJ (d)
EH1LHA via EA1RKA & (L)	OZ/DL1SWT via DL1SWT	UT/DH4OAM via DH4OAM
EH1LSI via EA1AUO & (L)	PF38T via PA7HPH	ZB2LGT via ZB2BU
EM7UT via UR7UT	PG6N via PA7DA	ZS9V via M0OXO (O)
EO26U via UR8US (B)	R17SMW via RZ3LC	
EV500S via DL7VFM	R270ENG via UA4CGR	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

PIRATE ALERTS. The DXNews is reporting the following: Jacky, 3B8CF, Secretary of the Mauritius Amateur Radio Society, says the local telecom authority, ICTA, has told him no license (including 3B9DX) has been issued for Rodrigues recently for anyone. Also, a P5/3Z9DX pirate has been active and it is not Dom, 3Z9DX.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9X0TA, EA6ALW (JM29), JS6RRR, S21ZED, S21ZEE, SN7Q, SX5R and VK2GGC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4V1G, E51LYC (OC-098), EY7AD, HD2RRC (SA-034), HD2RRC/4 (SA-033), PA2M, TE8DX and V6J

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!!

SV8, GREECE (Cancelled/Update). Berkin, TA3J, was not able to be active as SV8/TA3J from Mytilene-Lesvos (EU-049) between August 14-17th, because of problems due to the local Police Department. His complete story is now available on:
https://dxnews.com/forum/forum/iota/2588-sv8-ta3j-lesvos-island

TOP CW - THE MOST INTERESTING SPOTS. James, G8DNH, has been watching the DXcluster in frustration (due to the poor propagation) and has been working on a script to filter spots so that only the 'most interesting' are displayed - something like 'Most Wanted' and/or DXpedition and some other criteria he has been experimenting with. He has been posting his findings and they can be view at: http://topcw.net
He is looking for a few people to try it out and give him some feedback <2013jameswebber@gmail.com> to influence the development. Give it a look and let him know....

V6, MICRONESIA (Reminder). Toshi, JA6REX, will once again be active as V63KS from Chuuk Islands (OC-011) between August 28th and September 3rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. Visit his Web page at:
http://v63.webcrow.jp

VB2, CANADA (CQ ZONE 2 DXPEDITION). Operators Jean-Pierre/VA2SG and Jean/VE2VIA will be active as VB2SG/2 from ZONE 2 (Sept-Iles, Quebec) during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th) as a Multi-Single/ Unassisted/Low-Power entry. QSL via VE2JCW direct only. More details are available at: https://jpcouture68.wixsite.com/va2sg/cq-ww-rtty-zone-2

VK0EK WINS AN AWARD. In their annual acknowledgment, DxCoffee and the DXUniversity has awarded VK0EK for "Best Communication" in 2016. See the complete details at:
http://www.dxcoffee.com/eng/2017/dxcoffee-and-the-dxuniversity-award-vk0ek-for-best-communication-in-201

YB348, INDONESIA (Special Event). Special event station YB348P was active between August 26-27th, to celebrate Padang's 348th anniversary - "The Anniversary of the Capital of West Sumatra". Operations were to take place on 80/40/20/15/10 meters SSB. Awards are available - see QRZ.com Please do not send your QSL card as the "ORARI LOKAL PADANG HQ" will automatically send YB348P QSLs.

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.nodxa.org/
http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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